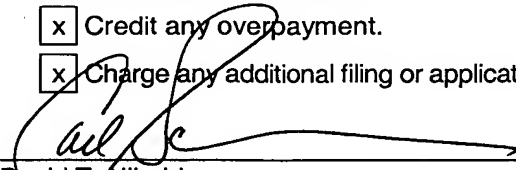


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. SWA-0001	
Application No. 10/696,035-Conf. #6030	Filing Date October 30, 2003	Examiner A. M. Dunwoody	Art Unit 3679		
Applicant(s): Akira MUROI et al.					
Invention: PIPE JOINT					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity</span>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>18-0013</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.					
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 2 and 6-10 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 3-5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 are amended.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)